

Minutes
Special Joint Meeting with the
Electrical Board and the Board of Boiler Rules
June 15, 2004

A special, called, meeting was held jointly with the Electrical Board and the Board of Boiler Rules. The meeting began at 9:00 AM, June 15, 2004 and was held at the Red Lion Inn, Fir Ballroom, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA.

The following Electrical Board members were present:

Joe Devish, Chairman	Richard Alford	Phillip Parker
Charles Gregg	Fred Tricarico	David A. Bowman
David S. Bowman	David Jacobson	Geoff Newman
Ron Fuller, Secretary		

The following Board of Boiler Rules members were present:

Craig Hopkins, Chairman	Steve Bacon	Ken Eshelman
Faye Detz	Robb Marvin, Secretary	

Electrical Board Chairman Devish opened the meeting stating that the special meeting was being held jointly between the Electrical Board and the Board of Boiler Rules. He called the meeting to order on behalf of the Electrical Board. Board of Boiler Rules Chairman Hopkins called the meeting to order on behalf of the Board of Boiler Rules. Chairman Devish then tossed a coin to determine who would run the meeting. Chairman Hopkins called heads and won the toss. As the winner, Chairman Hopkins was selected to chair the meeting.

Chairman Hopkins welcomed the board members and the audience to the meeting. He explained that the meeting was called to create a document from both boards to submit to the legislature.

Board of Boiler Rules Secretary Marvin introduced himself and went over the history of the action at hand (i.e. a recommendation report to the legislature regarding the requirements for electrical regulation of boiler maintenance work). He stated that there had been two joint board meetings, that the Board of Boiler Rules had discussions at their last regularly scheduled meeting. He also stated that a couple of people in the boiler industry sent comments to the boards asking for change. He stated that the department was recommending that the 06A and 06B electrical specialties be used for those doing electrical work on boilers.

Patrick Woods, Assistant Director of Specialty Compliance Services, thanked the boards for their hard work and support on the issue at hand. He told the boards that when the

issue of electrical requirements for boiler work first came up the discussion between stakeholders was quite polarized. He reiterated the importance of the two boards in setting the tone for state policy. He said that the department and the legislature looked on the two boards as the seasoned experts. He said that the department would work with the legislature in the coming year to address this issue and budget issues. He said the department recognizes the importance of the budgets and the concerns that have previously been expressed by the two boards. Woods recommended that the two boards become more proactive in their discussion with legislators regarding the budget for the boards. He closed by reaffirming his belief that the two boards and programs had worked very well together on the issue at hand, electrical regulation of boiler work. He said he hoped that the legislature would see that there is a coalescing of policy that is represented in the practices proposed.

Chairmen Hopkins and Devish had a conversation with Patrick Woods on their concerns with the funds that were appropriated by the legislature (i.e. about \$8m for electrical and about \$1m for boiler). They expressed their concern that such an appropriation should not happen again and that they, and both boards were interested in gaining the use of the interest for their respective funds. Both chairs agreed to work together to address their joint concerns.

Chairman Hopkins then asked Ron Fuller, Electrical Board Secretary, for a presentation of the department's recommendations concerning the issue of electrical regulation for boilers. He began by stating that the department's recommendation was that the 06A and 06B HVAC/refrigeration specialties continue to be used as the appropriate method of regulating both new and repair work, as relating to electrical, on boilers. He said that the comments received from stakeholders after the stakeholder meeting held in April. He said that only three individuals commented that a change was needed. He said that the overwhelming response was for no change.

Fuller stated that in the past year several options were discussed with stakeholders and the two boards. Options included: creating new electrical specialties, creating an expanded specialty, expanding the current HVAC specialties, or creating a comprehensive boiler program to include electrical aspects. He said that all these options had problems. He said most had a financial impact on stakeholders and the department. He said the impact of a new comprehensive program would be significant because of the relatively small numbers of contractors and installers in the boiler industry.

Fuller then discussed the work allowed and not allowed in the two current HVAC specialties. He closed by reaffirming the department's recommendation that the boards recommend staying with the current HVAC specialties for electrical work on boilers. He said that all the other options discussed would create added regulation and that the department did not want to recommend more regulation on this issue at this time.

Chairman Hopkins reminded the meeting attendees that at least two stakeholder meetings had been held in the past year to discuss the issue at hand. He asked Fuller what the outcome of a vote at the last stakeholder meeting had been on the department's recommendation. Fuller said that only people from the boiler industry had been polled. The result was: five wanted a new specialty and eleven wanted to support the department's recommendation for no change in the current requirements. He also

said that written comments received after the meeting indicated that some of the five who wanted change had changed their mind on requesting a new specialty.

Chairman Hopkins reminded the meeting that the discussion and recommendation centered on the electrical aspects of boiler work, not the mechanical aspects. The boards were directed to look at the documents provided by the department to review the requirement for a report to the legislature (i.e. Senate Bill 5713). Chairman Hopkins read the text of the bill relating to the required report. He said that a recommendation was required from both boards. Both Chairmen Hopkins and Devish agreed that it was appropriate for both chairs to sign the report yet to be written.

David S Bowman Electrical Board member made a motion to submit a formal letter to the legislature supporting the department's recommendation.

Chairman Hopkins asked for a motion from the Board of Boiler Rules. Steve Bacon made a motion to open the floor for discussion and to plan to submit the recommendation to the legislature. Faye Dietz seconded Bacon's motion. David S. Bowman repeated his motion. Fred Tricarico seconded Bowman's motion.

Chairmen Hopkins and Devish both opened the discussion to stakeholders in the audience. No one elected to comment on the issue at hand or the department's recommendation.

Chairman Devish asked the Electrical Board if there were any comments from them. Hearing none, he called for a vote on David S. Bowman's motion to support the department's recommendation of no change in the electrical requirements. The Electrical Board's vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

Chairman Hopkins asked the Board of Boiler Rules if there were any comments from them. Hearing none, he called for a vote on Steve Bacon's motion to support the department's recommendation of no change in the electrical requirements. The Board of Boiler Rules's vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

Chairman Hopkins asked Fuller to describe a plan of action for developing the report. Fuller reiterated that the programs and boards would need to continue to work together to finalize the report. He committed that Specialty Compliance Services (SCS) would develop a draft report for review of the two boards within two weeks. He said the boards would then need to provide comments. SCS would then incorporate any comments and resubmit a second draft for consideration until there were no further comments. He proposed that the boards again meet jointly to finalize approval of the report for signature by the two chairs.

Chairman Hopkins reminded the boards that the report was due to the legislature on December 1, 2004. Fuller reminded the boards that the report actually needed to be finalized by the board no later than the end of August so all necessary parties prior to submission the legislature could review it.

Chairman Hopkins asked if there were any other items of due business. Chairman Devish said there were a couple of electrical issues. Fuller told the boards that based on the earlier discussions between the chairs and Patrick Woods he recommended that the

boards work together and with other dedicated funds to present budget issues to the legislature. Both chairs agreed that would be a good plan of action and committed to working together in the future.

Chairman Devish asked Fuller if upcoming Electrical Board appointments were now official. Fuller responded that they were. Chairman Devish then commended Richard Alford and Chuck Gregg for their work on the Electrical Board. He also welcomed Geoff Newman as a new Electrical Board member.

Chairman Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourn for both boards, Steve Bacon so moved, Ken Eshleman seconded. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn. Chairman Hopkins adjourned the meeting and Chairman Devish thanked everyone for attending.